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Missoula County

Located in western Montana, Missoula County is Montana's second most populous with 78,687 residents, according to the 1990 Census.

According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1865 and was once part of Washington Territory.

Missoula, the county seat, is the state's third largest city with a population of 48,430. Nicknamed the "Garden City," Missoula often has a milder climate than other Montana cities. Missoula is home to the University of Montana and the 1996 NCAA Championship Grizzly football team. The city is also a major medical and retail hub in western Montana.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Missoula County households in 1989 was \$23,388. The county is 2,618.4 square miles in area; 2,598.2 square miles in land area and 20.17 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Great Falls Weather Service*, the average daily low in January in Missoula between 1961 and 1990 was 14.8 degrees above zero and average January snowfall 13.6 inches. The average daily high in July was 84.2 degrees above zero. The annual average precipitation during the same period in Missoula was 13.4 inches and the length of growing season 137 days.

Missoula County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	7/1/99 Estimate	7/1/98 Estimate	4/1/90 Census	% Change '90 to '99	% Change '90 to '98
Montana	882,779	879,533	799,065	10.5%	10.1%
Missoula County	89,344	88,907	78,687	13.5%	13.0%
Missoula	58,460	57,887	48,430	20.7%	19.5%

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.

Top 20 Private Employers In Missoula County

Listed In Alphabetical Order

Albertson's Advanced Integrated Management Beach Transportation Community Medical Center Louisiana Pacific Corp. Missoula Family YMCA Missoulian	Nightingale Nursing & Caregiver Services Nolan Agency & Temps Opportunity Resources Inc. Partners In Home Care Research Data Design Safeway St. Patrick Hospital	Stimson Lumber Company Stone Container Corp. Village Health Care Center Wal-Mart Watkins & Shepherd Trucking Western Montana Clinic
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Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau.

First Quarter 2000 Unemployment Insurance Information.

This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads and city, county, state and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.

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61	Nondepositary Credit Institutions	6
81	Legal Services	6
72	Personal Services	6
51	Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	6
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65	Real Estate	4
07	Agricultural Services	4
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89	Services, Not Elsewhere Classified	2
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TOTAL		354

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau.

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Resources

Annual Average Labor Force For Missoula County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
1970	23,512	22,398	1,114	4.7%
1971	23,924	22,896	1,028	4.3%
1972	25,649	24,486	1,163	4.5%
1973	26,419	25,060	1,359	5.1%
1974	27,548	25,891	1,657	6.0%
1975	29,008	26,869	2,139	7.4%
1976	30,344	28,298	2,046	6.7%
1977	32,531	30,173	2,358	7.2%
1978	36,017	33,556	2,461	6.8%
1979	36,382	34,061	2,321	6.4%
1980	35,834	33,121	2,713	7.6%
1981	35,546	32,268	3,278	9.2%
1982	35,334	32,082	3,252	9.2%
1983	36,515	33,581	2,934	8.0%
1984	39,918	37,363	2,555	6.4%
1985	40,968	38,074	2,894	7.1%
1986	41,378	38,387	2,991	7.2%
1987	40,959	38,339	2,620	6.4%
1988	40,600	37,998	2,602	6.4%
1989	41,341	39,210	2,131	5.2%
1990	42,704	40,181	2,523	5.9%
1991	43,384	40,088	3,296	7.6%
1992	45,736	42,681	3,055	6.7%
1993	46,825	44,090	2,735	5.8%
1994	47,612	45,419	2,193	4.6%
1995	47,980	45,498	2,482	5.2%
1996	49,875	47,871	2,004	4.0%
1997	51,298	49,110	2,188	4.3%
1998	52,269	50,046	2,223	4.3%
1999	52,281	50,334	1,947	3.7%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (2000 Benchmark).

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Civilian Labor Force-All Persons

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	40,011	21,511	18,500
Managerial and Professional/Specialty Occupations	10,417	5,226	5,191
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	4,210	2,368	1,842
Professional Specialty Occupations	6,207	2,858	3,349
Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations	12,205	4,765	7,440
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	1,375	726	649
Sales Occupations	5,188	2,848	2,340
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	5,642	1,191	4,451
Service Occupations	6,794	2,677	4,117
Private Household Occupations	168	13	155
Protective Service Occupations	651	537	114
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	5,975	2,127	3,848
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	1,171	896	275
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	3,594	3,248	346
Mechanics and Repairers	1,303	1,223	80
Construction Trade	1,379	1,318	61
Extractive Occupations	10	6	4
Precision Production Occupations	902	701	201
Operators, Fabricators and Laborers	5,637	4,604	1,033
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	1,937	1,415	522
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	1,895	1,736	159
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	1,805	1,453	352
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	193	95	98

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CD-ROM).

⇒ Chambers of Commerce:

Missoula Chamber, P. O. Box 7577, Missoula, MT 59807, 406-543-6623
Seeley Lake Area Chamber, P. O. Box 516, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-3344

⇒ Department of Labor and Industry

Missoula Job Service

539 S. 3rd St. W., Missoula, MT 59806, 406-728-7060

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau Publications

For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication or check out our Internet website at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>.

⇒ Housing Costs:

Missoula County Association of Realtors, Inc., 715 Kensington, Suite 25A, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-728-0560

⇒ Internet:

Montana Job Service home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/>. Cities and towns of Bonner, Clinton, Frenchtown, Greenough, Huson, Lolo, Milltown, Missoula and Seeley Lake Home Pages—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities.

⇒ Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

Drivers' Licensing

Missoula—2100 Stephens Ave., 406-549-2514

⇒ Newspapers:

Missoula Independent, 115 S. 4th W., Missoula, MT 59801, 406-543-6609, <http://www.missoulane.ws>

The Missolian, P. O. Box 8029, Missoula, MT 59807, 406-523-5200, <http://www.missolian.com>

Seeley Swan Pathfinder, P. O. Box 702, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2022, <http://www.seeleyswanpathfinder.com>

⇒ Public Libraries:

Missoula Public Library, 301 E. Main, Missoula, MT 59802-4799, 406-721-2665
Seeley Lake Branch Library, Box 416, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2224

⇒ Postsecondary Education Institutions:

Montana University System

University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812, 800-462-8636, [http://www.umt.edu/](http://www.umt.edu)

The University of Montana College of Technology, 909 S. Ave. W., Missoula, MT 59801, 406-243-7811 or 800-542-6882 (within Montana). [http://www.cte.umt.edu/](http://www.cte.umt.edu)

⇒ Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Bonner Elementary, Box 1004, Bonner, MT 59823, 406-258-6151
Clinton Elementary, P. O. Box 250, Clinton, MT 59825, 406-825-7844
DeSmet Elementary, 6355 Padre Lane, Missoula, MT 59808, 406-549-4994
Frenchtown K-12 Schools, P. O. Box 117, Frenchtown, MT 59834, 406-626-5762
Helgeland Elementary, 2385 Flynn Lane, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-728-5626
Lolo Elementary, 11395 Highway 93 S., Lolo, MT 59847, 406-273-0451
Missoula County Public Schools, 215 S. 6th W., Missoula, MT 59801, 406-728-2400
Potomac Elementary, 29750 Potomac Road, Potomac, MT 59823, 406-244-5581
Seeley Lake Elementary, P. O. Box 840, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2265
Sunset Elementary, P. O. Box 344, Greenough, MT 59836, 406-244-5685
Swan Valley Elementary, 6423 Highway 83, Condon, MT 59826, 406-754-2320
Target Range Elementary, 4095 S. Ave. W., Missoula, MT 59804, 406-549-9239
Woodman Elementary, 18470 Highway 12 West, Lolo, MT 59847, 406-883-4887

Missoula Employment By Industry*

Annual Averages 1999

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment		
	Wages Paid	Industry		Wages Paid	Industry		
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	3,746	47,020	\$1,134,537,280	Bldg Materials-Garden	55	618	\$15,049,450
PRIVATE BUSINESS	3,827	38,902	\$893,528,635	General Merchandise	18	1432	\$21,905,872
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	66	244	\$4,617,643	Food Stores	56	1358	\$19,969,251
Agri Production/Crops	4	21	\$231,978	Auto Dealers-Service Stations	95	1360	\$32,963,804
Agri Production/Livestock	11	46	\$1,222,857	Apparel & Accessories	44	292	\$3,023,867
Agriculture Services	38	131	\$1,150,886	Furniture Stores	71	561	\$12,434,861
Forestry	12	44	\$1,412,142	Eating & Drinking	257	4106	\$7,833,116
MINING	8	48	\$2,159,839	Miscellaneous Retail	171	1298	\$17,230,804
Mining & Quarrying of Nonmetallic	6	17	\$631,190	FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	310	2194	\$65,990,437
CONSTRUCTION	429	2,340	\$2,298,676	Banking	35	722	\$20,479,026
General Building	144	556	\$14,564,242	Credit Agencies	27	155	\$5,177,994
Heavy Construction	30	360	\$12,855,293	Security & Commodity	28	92	\$5,495,285
Special Trade	254	1,424	\$39,877,141	Insurance Carriers	28	115	\$4,262,376
MANUFACTURING	184	3,331	\$114,950,107	Insurance Agents	64	487	\$16,801,881
Food Products	13	335	\$8,19,988	Real Estate	116	440	\$8,838,193
Apparel	5	16	\$181,123	Holding & Investments	10	180	\$4,834,702
Lumber	66	1,258	\$42,259,360	SERVICES	1470	14693	\$325,275,031
Furniture	9	97	\$2,229,575	Hotels & Lodging	56	546	\$5,226,704
Printing-Publishing	3	671	\$37,366,641	Personal Services	56	430	\$6,691,686
Chemicals	27	381	\$9,780,012	Business Services	206	2235	\$38,598,461
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastic	3	14	\$423,913	Auto Repair Services	113	773	\$16,152,195
Leather	6	36	\$904,933	Miscellaneous Repair Services	49	231	\$5,917,211
Stone-Clay-Glass	7	93	\$3,058,322	Motion Pictures	19	208	\$1,749,634
Fabricated Metal	9	75	\$2,285,499	Amusement & Recreation	95	1028	\$10,031,831
Nonelectrical Machinery**	3	5	\$127,541	Health Services	251	4946	\$155,242,126
Instruments	9	121	\$3,275,767	Legal Services	81	426	\$15,016,473
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	172	2,830	\$90,613,708	Educational Services	28	286	\$3,853,407
Local-Urban Transportation	8	205	\$2,355,765	Social Services	138	1583	\$21,022,243
Trucking-Warehousing	98	1,252	\$41,195,959	Membership Organizations	97	779	\$10,937,253
Air Transportation	10	305	\$9,865,476	Engineering Services	198	1092	\$33,750,913
Transportation Services	22	173	\$3,703,733	Private Households	53	78	\$1,007,366
Communication	21	626	\$20,444,388	Miscellaneous Services	14	38	\$938,273
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	10	247	\$11,447,290	GOVERNMENT	118	817	\$241,008,645
WHOLESALE TRADE	209	2,180	\$61,009,771	State	18	3685	\$100,779,889
Durable Goods	138	1,238	\$38,567,593	Local	51	3107	\$84,898,530
Nondurable Goods	71	941	\$22,442,178	Federal	48	1324	\$55,530,146
RETAIL TRADE	770	11,028	\$160,210,865				

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance

**Industrial & Commercial Machinery & Computer Equipment

Per Capita Personal Income

	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Montana	\$3,625	\$9,143	\$15,524	\$16,509	\$17,114	\$18,072	\$18,129	\$18,764	\$19,383	\$20,130	\$21,229
% of National Average	89%	90%	79%	82%	81%	83%	80%	80%	79%	78%	78%
Missoula County	\$3,450	\$9,187	\$15,935	\$16,754	\$17,939	\$18,713	\$19,395	\$20,105	\$20,981	\$21,963	\$23,234
% of National Average	84%	90%	81%	83%	85%	86%	86%	85%	85%	85%	85%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 2000.

PLEASE NOTE: Because of time and budget constraints, we are only able to update our county flyers periodically. Individual tables are updated on a more frequent basis. You can call us if you'd like the most current information for a particular county. The Annual Averages for County Employment By Industry are updated annually, usually in June. The Top Employers are updated annually. Per Capita Income statewide is usually released late spring. Population data for Montana is released in late December and county data in March. The Annual Average Labor Force information is benchmarked annually and numbers are published before March. The other tables contain Census information and will be updated every 10 years. You can also look for more current information on our website listed on the front of this publication.

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Missoula County
1990 Census of Population and Housing
Persons by Age, Race and Sex

<i>School Age</i>		Eskimo/Aleut/ American Indian Asian or Pacific Islander Hispanic Origin Other Race											
		White		Black		Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
5-11		Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11		7,899	3,824	20	12	266	126	120	70	159	62	23	11
12-14		3,049	1,509	7	3	113	55	32	15	43	19	7	4
15-17		2,821	1,332	7	4	99	43	43	16	49	21	8	3
18-21		5,938	3,080	24	5	152	69	71	38	87	37	21	7
<i>Total</i>		19,707	9,745	58	24	630	293	268	139	338	159	69	26
<i>Working & Voting Age</i>		Eskimo/Aleut/ American Indian Asian or Pacific Islander Hispanic Origin Other Race											
		White		Black		Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
16+		Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+		58,338	30,019	139	45	1,211	635	579	299	627	308	144	63
16-64		50,350	25,274	130	40	1,144	599	541	273	582	279	143	62
18+		56,485	29,139	133	42	1,149	608	550	287	595	295	137	61
18-64		48,497	24,394	124	37	1,082	572	512	261	550	266	136	60
<i>Other Age Group</i>		Eskimo/Aleut/ American Indian Asian or Pacific Islander Hispanic Origin Other Race											
		White		Black		Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
0-4		Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4		5,396	2,641	18	7	191	108	91	54	116	54	23	15
5-17		13,769	6,665	34	19	478	224	195	101	251	122	38	18
18-44		35,695	17,991	107	31	854	443	424	209	463	217	115	50
45-64		12,802	6,403	17	6	228	129	88	52	87	49	21	10
65+		9,536	5,514	10	5	77	42	46	29	55	32	5	2
<i>Total</i>		75,850	38,445	185	68	1,818	940	838	442	962	471	198	94

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CD-ROM).

Missoula County			
County of Residence	# Who Work in Missoula County	County of Work	# Who Live in Missoula County
Out of State	313	Out of State	293
Cascade County	120	Cascade County	65
Flathead County	56	Flathead County	28
Gallatin County	45	Gallatin County	20
Granite County	45	Granite County	56
Lake County	261	Lake County	182
Lewis & Clark County	63	Lewis & Clark County	88
Mineral County	99	Mineral County	157
Missoula County	35,069	Missoula County	35,069
Powell County	20	Ravalli County	263
Ravalli County	1,604	Silver Bow County	32
Sanders County	77	Yellowstone County	42
Yellowstone County	73	Other Montana Counties	145
Other Montana Counties	75		

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.